IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

)
) Confirmation No. 1870
) Art Unit: 1633
Examiner: Nguyen, Quang
)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed November 6, 2008 ("Office Action") applicants respectfully submit this Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action ("Response") and request reconsideration of the rejected claims based upon the following amendments and remarks. Applicants request a one-month extension of time to file this Response, to expire after March 6, 2009, along with the payment of the applicable fee.

Amendments to the Claims starts on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks start on page 4 of this paper.

Conclusion starts on page 11 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically filed with the United States Patent & Trademark Office on March 5, 2009 through its EFS-Web electronic filing system.

<u>/christy k. flagler/</u>
Christy Flagler